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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

ROBYN CARAVELLA, R.N. License # 26NR12834900 FINAL ORDER
WITHDRAWING
PROVISIONAL
ORDER OF
DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Robyn Caravella ("Respondent") is a Registered
  Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey, and has been
  a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about May 16, 2014, a letter of inquiry issued on behalf of the Board, asking Respondent, among other things, to supply documentation, in the form of certificates of completion, of required nursing continuing education for the

- June 1, 2010 May 31, 2012 and the June 1, 2012 May 31, 2014 biennial renewal periods.
- 3. Respondent provided documentation of completion of some courses and/or examinations, but did not supply certificates of completion, making it impossible to ascertain whether the courses purportedly completed constituted qualifying continuing education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.
- 4. On or about November 6, 2014, Respondent's attorney was asked to submit certificates of completion. The letter to Respondent's attorney was sent by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing was delivered on November 12, 2014. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.
- 5. Respondent indicated on her 2012 and 2014 renewal applications that she would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2010 May 31, 2012 and June 1, 2012 May 31, 2014 licensing cycles by May 31, 2012 and May 31, 2014, respectively.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to adequately document completion of required nursing continuing education is deemed to constitute a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's indication on her 2012 and 2014 renewal applications that she would complete all required nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2010 - May 31, 2012 licensing cycle by May 31, 2012, and all required nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 licensing cycle by May 31, 2014, is deemed to constitute misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

## DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension, reprimand, and a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty was entered on August 14, 2015. Copies were served upon Respondent via regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated findings of fact and conclusions of law by setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order of Discipline and provided acceptable documentation of timely completion of all required continuing education in the June 1, 2010 - May 31,

2012 and June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 biennial renewal periods.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. Respondent demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she timely completed the required continuing education.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this At day of MUV , 2016, ORDERED that:

1. The Provisional Order of Discipline filed on August 14, 2015 is hereby withdrawn in its entirety.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President